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1. [ ] At his request called on Senator James Eastland (D., Miss.) to discuss the Rodino bill. Eastland opened the conversation stating that he had information from a very good source that the Department of State will insist on closing down the Radios. I informed him that I have no authoritative information on this subject but the last information I had indicated the subject was still under discussion. Eastland again categorically stated that his information, which he considers valid, is that the Radios will be closed. I noted that I could not dispute him on this in view of my lack of information, but that whatever the future of the Radios the Rodino bill is still a good bill and that the beneficiaries have earned the right to consideration for citizenship. Eastland said he has no problems with the bill, that he considers it a good bill, but that he thought it would be a tragedy if the Radios are closed. As I was leaving he assured me that he would approve the bill.

Subsequently, in a conversation with Jay Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Special Subcommittee on Internal Security, on a non attributable basis Sourwine informed me that he has good information that an unidentified Senator on the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization will oppose the Rodino bill unless he is assured that the Radios will not be discontinued. I informed Sourwine that I had discussed this subject with Senator Eastland, but that I have no information as to the future of the Radios.

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